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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING MICRO-ORGANISMS  
AND SUPPORT USED IN SAID METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 18, 2002

In response to the Official Action mailed June 18, 2002,  
please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new dependent claim 27 as follows:

*Sub C1*  
*R1*  
37. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein said sterile, inert  
solid support is placed in a location in said receptacle such that  
the support will come into contact with a culture medium contained  
within said receptacle.

Please rewrite claim 16 as follows:

*Sub C2*  
*R2*  
16. (Once Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said  
physicochemical or electrical parameter is at least one member  
selected from the group consisting of CO<sub>2</sub> production, pressure,  
turbidity, oxidation/ reduction potential and pH.